

REMARKS

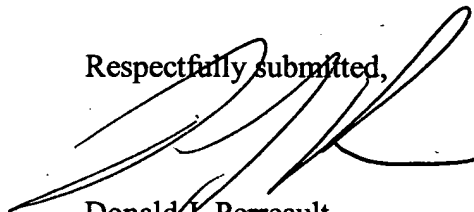
U.S. Application No. 10/279,753 contained claims 1-11. Claims 1-4 and 9 were canceled by Amendment dated September 12, 2003. Claims 5-8 and 10-11 were then allowed. This continuation application therefore has canceled claims 5-11 and presents claims 1-4 for examination on the merits.

In addition, the specification has been amended to add a proper cross-reference to all related applications.

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be entered before the examination of the present continuation application.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact is necessary, please contact the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560.

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